

WHEREAS Morris Williams Golf Course has not seen much needed upgrades since the course opened in 1964, and although fee increases have been initiated, the fees have not positively impacted the golf course, the course is now in need of significant repair to its infrastructure, including the clubhouse, cart barn, driving range, and other facilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Austin Parks and Recreation Board strongly recommend to the City Council that the Council instruct the City Manager to find funds, public and/or private, this year to improve Morris Williams Golf Course and provide the much needed repairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council instruct the City Manager to work with the Austin Parks and Recreation Board and the proper stakeholders in order to determine which improvements are needed and are priorities.

Board Member Francell moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Board Member Bostick. Motion carried 6-0.

6. Make a recommendation to City Council regarding the Sunshine Camp parkland improvement agreement.

Board Member Francell moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Board Member Bostick. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Make a recommendation to City Council regarding East Riverside PUD

Richard Suttle, representing CWS, requested that the Board approve a variance from the Waterfront Overlay regarding the secondary setback. He provided a term sheet relating to 222 and 300 E. Riverside Drive which reflected compliance with primary and secondary setbacks as prescribed by the Waterfront Overlay. The plan calls for the dedication of 1.5 acres of additional parkland, extension of the hike and bike trail, the bulk of the buildings will conform to the original Waterfront Overlay Ordinance, a maximum building height of 96 feet will be used and there is potential for a favorable mix of uses. Board Member Francell moved to approve the request, seconded by Board Member Bostick. Motion carried 6-0.

8. Director's Report

Acting Director Strong reported staff changes and the status of the boating study.

9. Future Items from the Board - Not discussed due to lack of quorum.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

**Item # 4**



## MEMORANDUM

To: Parks and Recreation Board

From: Stuart Strong, Acting Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

Date: September 23, 2008

Subject: 2700 Rivercrest Boat Dock

A request has been received from Bruce Aupperle on the behalf of Kenneth and Lisa Ellis to approve a site plan at 2700 Rivercrest Drive.

The Parks and Recreation Department staff has reviewed plans for the proposed boat dock and finds they do not meet the requirements of Article XIII, Section 25-2-1176, (Regulations for the Construction of Boat Docks) of the Land Development Code. The proposed two-slip boat dock exceeds the number of docks allowed on a single lot as well as exceeding 20% of shoreline frontage.

Approval of the Parks and Recreation Board is required for structures that exceed the number of docks allowed on a single lot as well as structures exceeding 20% of shoreline frontage.

Stuart Strong, Acting Director  
Parks and Recreation Department



Corresponding Lot & Block Number			
Owner	Rivercrest Addn. Sec. 1	Physical Address	Mailing Address
Mizell	6C	3007 Rivercrest	(Same)
Knox	20B	2801 Rivercrest	(Same)
Prikryl	8C	3103 Rivercrest	(Same)
Rossi	7C	3101 Rivercrest	(Same)
Ripley	4C	3003 Rivercrest	(Same)
Beaman	3C	3001 Rivercrest	(Same)
Ewert	2C	2907 Rivercrest	POBox 6, Glen Haven, CO
Ripley	4C	3003 Rivercrest	(Same)
Petrik	1C	2905 Rivercrest	(Same)
Moran	21B	2803 Rivercrest	3506 Mount Bonnell Rd.
Ellis	17B	2703 Rivercrest	2700 Rivercrest
Ellis	25B	2700 Rivercrest	(Same)
Ellis	25B	2700 Rivercrest	(Same)



2700 RIVERCREST

APT.  
(Pemberton/Jannetty)

- < KNOX
- < PRIKRYL
- < ROSSI
- < RIPLEY
- < BEAMAN
- < EWERT
- < RIPLEY

TRIK (McNEIL)

MOKALI (CONNERS)

ELLIS (TRABUE (LAMAR HOMES))

RABORN

LAMAR

ST. STEPHENS SCHOOL

22' FEE SIMPLE

LAMAR

50'  
N45°49'W  
R=50'

6'x120' STRIP  
(10 OWNERS)

261.80'

RABORN  
EASEMENT

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N37°05'W

V. 6337, P. 1747  
BOOTH TO RIVERCREST

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N20°06'W  
73.10'E  
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V. 2504, P. 221 OSBORN TO CONLY  
V. 3491, P. 2137 RIVERCREST TO ST. STEPHENS

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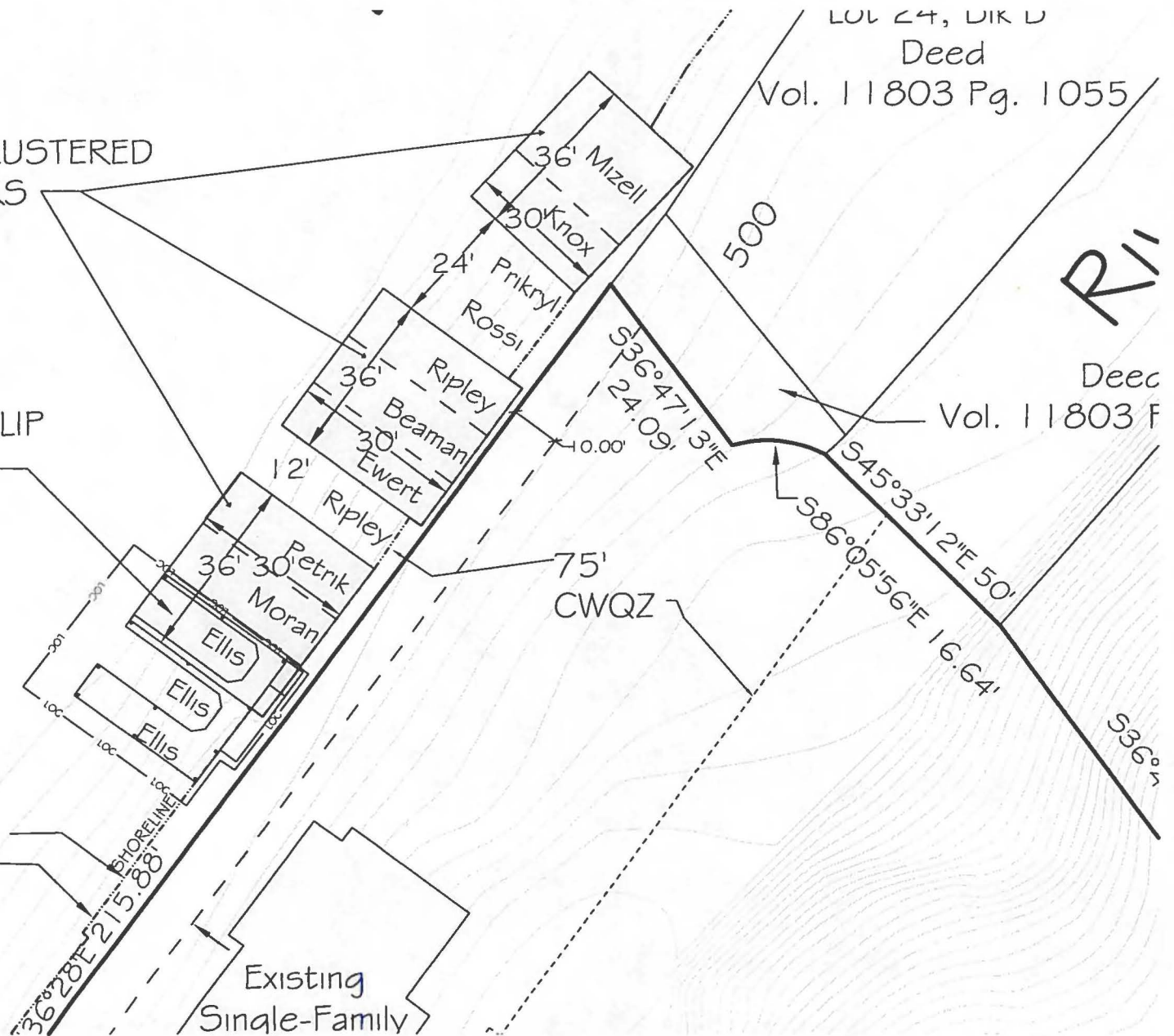
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V. 3491, P. 2137 & V. 3491, P. 1700

EXISTING CONC. BULKHEAD





**Item # 5**



## MEMORANDUM

To: Parks and Recreation Board

From: Stuart Strong, Acting Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

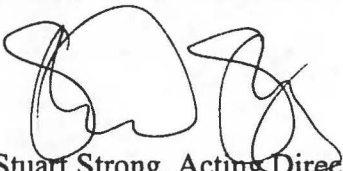
Date: September 23, 2008

Subject: Two-slip boat dock at 3337 Far View

A request has been received from Bruce Aupperle on the behalf of Wade Threadgill to construct a two-slip boat dock at 3337 Far View.

The Parks and Recreation Department staff has reviewed plans for the proposed dock and finds they meet the requirements of Article XIII, Section 25-2-1176, (Regulations for the Construction of Boat Docks) of the Land Development Code.

The proposed dock is located on a bluff and extends thirty feet from the existing shoreline. The Parks and Recreation Board shall make a recommendation on the distance that a proposed dock may extend into the lake without constituting a hazard.



Stuart Strong, Acting Director  
Parks and Recreation Department



**Item # 5**





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## Process under way to name park near downtown American Legion

### For immediate release

May 14, 2008

The City of Austin begins the naming process today for the parkland adjacent to the American Legion Travis Post 76 and Town Lake Hike and Bike Trail located on Veterans Drive west of Austin High School.

Today's announcement begins a 90-day period for public discussion about possible names for the downtown park. The downtown American Legion has expressed interest in naming the park to honor all American veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.

The facilities naming ordinance allows the park to be named after an individual(s) (living or dead) or something other than an individual such as a place or natural feature.

After the Aug. 10 deadline for submission, the Parks Board will call a public hearing on the suggested names and make recommendations to the City Council for final approval.

Nomination forms are available at the Parks and Recreation Department's Main Office, 200 S. Lamar Blvd. or by calling (512) 974-6760.

### Forms may be returned by:

- Submitting to the Parks and Recreation Department, 200 S. Lamar Blvd.
- Faxing to (512) 974-6756
- Mailing to: Facilities Naming Nomination  
Attn: Parks and Recreation Department  
Planning Design and Construction  
200 S. Lamar Blvd.  
Austin, Texas 78704

### A suggestion for naming a facility must include:

- If an individual: A biographical sketch; a description of the individual's involvement in the community; and the individual's connection, if any, to the Austin park system.
- If other than an individual: Justification for the suggested name.

### Contact:

Ricardo Soliz, Parks and Recreation Department, (512) 974-6765



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## **Application for New Park Naming**

**Proposed Name for the Park:** Veterans Park

**If proposing the name of an individual, include a biographical description of nominee:** N/A

**Describe the individual's involvement in the Austin community:** N/A

**Describe the individual's connection to the park or park system, if any:**  
N/A

**If proposing a name that is not an individual, summarize the reason for the name:**

The park is located on Veterans Drive in Austin, Texas. The location will give Veterans a place to relax and enjoy the local American Legion Travis Post 76 & Lady Bird Lake Hike and Bike Trial.



**Date: 3/3/08**

**Name of requester: Jason R. Denny**

**Address: 2201 Veterans Drive Austin, Texas 78703**

**Phone Number: 512-472-3344**

Please provide any additional information with the application, e.g., newspaper articles, letter of recommendations, etc.  
[www.travispost76.org](http://www.travispost76.org)

Direct questions to:

Ricardo Soliz

974-6765

[Ricardo.Soliz@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:Ricardo.Soliz@ci.austin.tx.us)

7/29/08

To Whome it may Concern

I ROL S. BERNAL SAW your  
notice in THE AUSTIN NEWS  
PAPER IN WHICH YOU ARE LOOKING  
SEARCHING FOR A NAME FOR AN  
AUSTIN PARK

WELL, AS A MEMBER OF  
THE AM. LEGION POST 76 I  
DO THINK I QUALIFY OR MY  
WHOLE FAMILY'S NAME SHOULD  
BE THE BERNAL FAIR PARK.

MY FATHER, TORIBIO PINIA  
BERNAL WAS A WW. I. VET.  
MARRIED MY MOM, FRANCES - R -  
SANCHEZ, in EAGLE PASS TEX.  
& RAISED A BEAUTIFUL FAMILY  
AT 1802 HARVEY ST. AUSTIN, TEX.  
RAISED FIVE KIDS. MY FATHER  
TORIBIO PINIA BERNAL WAS  
A MEMBER OF THE AM. LEG. OF  
AM. POST 76 & NOW SO IS MY

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BROTHER CHARLES TERIBO BERNAL  
JR. & I BELONG TO POST NO.

MY BROTHERS BERNIE S.  
BERNAL & ALEX. S. BERNAL ALSO  
SERVED IN U.S. ARMY IN EUROPE.

BERNIE IN NAVY & ALEX. IN ARMY.  
I DID NOT FINISH H.S. SCHOOL.  
DAD & MOM SIGNED THE NAME  
SO, I COULD JOIN THE U.S. NAVY.

WHEN YOU READ ALL MY  
THE HISTORY OF ME IN THE  
SERVICE I DO THINK I QUALIFY  
FOR MY NAME ON A PLACK AT  
HUNTING PARK. ON THE WHOLE  
FIRM. NAME ON THE PLACK

I HAVE FIVE INVASIONS TO  
MY CREDIT, IN PACIFIC.

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MOST DREADFUL OF ALL ~~PELO~~  
TWO - JIMA. SO READ MY



Story:

I am 82 yrs old & still working. ~~I am~~ I work for THE STATE OF TEX. I am a TRAFIC GUARD on CAPITAL GROUNDS ON THE EAST SIDE on DRIVE WAY BY THE C. ST. of AMERICA STATUE.

I know all the SENATORS- THEIR STAFF- GOV. PERRY & LT. GOV. DUKHURST.

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Yours Truly,

ROSE S. BERNAL.

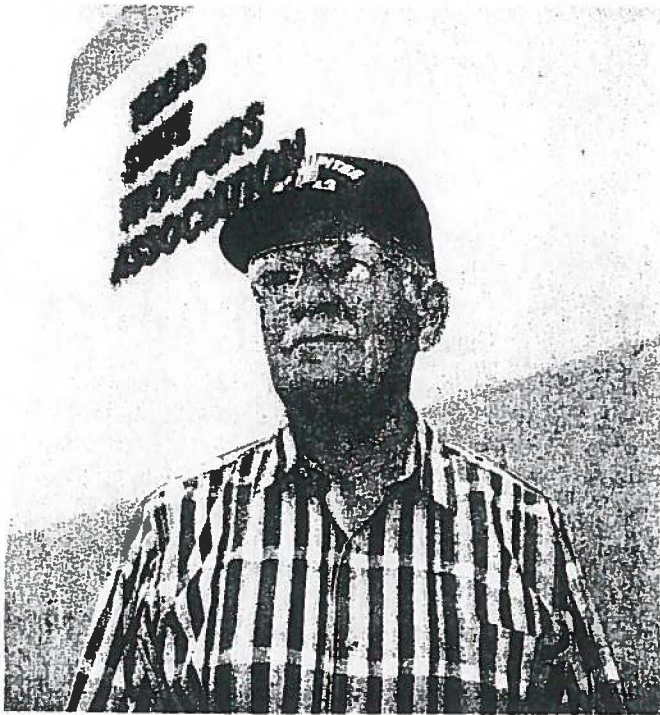
I WAS IN THE NAVY HOSPITALS & proud of it & would serve again if call on.

Beirut  
(Vietnam.)



# He Remembers Iwo Jima

February, 1945: TSTA's Robert Bernal was there, in the nation's deadliest battle since Gettysburg



Robert Bernal, today

Quietly and efficiently, he keeps things working at TSTA's Austin facilities - lighting, heating, swimming pool maintenance, landscaping and more. Troopers and others who have come in and out of TSTA's building have never known that Robert Bernal was in the battle of Iwo Jima over fifty years ago, where 23,000 U. S. Marines were killed or wounded, along with nearly 22,000 Japanese soldiers. For a long time, fellow employees at TSTA did not know about this. Many Americans do not know about Iwo.

But Robert remembers. "Like it was yesterday," he says.

The road to Iwo Jima for Robert Bernal started in 1943 when he volunteered for the U.S. Navy at age 17, having gotten written permission from his parents to enlist at that age. Leaving his mother, father, sister and six brothers, he left Austin for San Diego, California for nine weeks of boot camp. With the Japanese war in the Pacific raging, he was quickly sent overseas to Maui, Hawaii for another six months training. Here, he and hundreds of other young sailors trained with a little boat called a Landing Craft Vehicle Personnel (LCVP).

Here it was sandy beach landing after sandy beach landing in little barge-like, diesel powered craft that could carry 36 Marines/soldiers, or tons of cargo such as ammunition, food (K-rations or 55-gallon drums of gasoline). They practiced with both Marine and army assault troops. They lived on the water and slept in tents on the beaches. Robert was part of a 4-man crew which included a coxswain, a motor machinist and two deck hands. As a deck hand in the little landing craft, Robert's job was to maintain cables and ropes, man a machine gun and drop the front ramp for the marines when the little boat beached. The busy days of train-

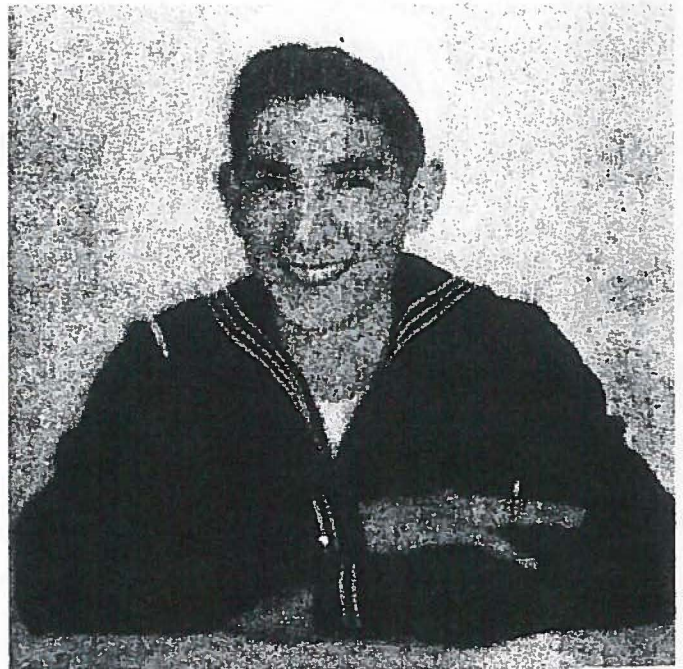
ing soon ended for the water-warriors and Robert's group boarded a very large cargo ship, the *USS Jupiter* AK-43 ("A" for assault, "K" for Cargo).

Loaded for battle with men and supplies, the big ship sailed southward across the Pacific, started seaman Robert Bernal into battle action that was to include five amphibious invasions against Japanese - held islands. The fighting men were not told where they were going. After days, the *Jupiter* crossed the equator, then docked at a battle-scarred island called Guadalcanal which the marines had wrested from the Japanese after six months of fighting. There they picked up lots of marines and continued south to the Palau islands, prominent among which was Peleliu. There, all the training became reality.

Robert and his young sailors loaded their little boat with fighting marines and delivered boatload after boatload to the beach...his first amphibious assault under fire. They escaped hits from shellfire and lost no marines. Other little landing crafts were not so lucky. At night, Robert's boat returned to the *Jupiter*, tied up alongside her. The crew slept in their boat - to the rocking of the waves. The night meal was C-rations. Breakfast was K-rations. After four days, with army and marine infantry moving inland, all the little LCVP's and crews were hoisted back about the mother ship for their next assignment, the invasions of Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines. The *USS Jupiter* rendezvoused with a large armada. Aboard the flagship were General Douglas MacArthur and Admiral Chester Nimitz, Commander of all U.S. forces in the Pacific. It was MacArthur's promised return to the Philippines, which had been lost to the Japanese in the desperate, tragic days of Bataan and Corregedore. Robert never saw the two commanders, but his little boat hauled lots of soldiers and marine infantry ashore.

Then it was back to the *Jupiter* and hoisted aboard again. Next assignment for the AK-43 assault ship: pick up marines at Guam - another island conquest - and deliver them to yet another beachhead. Robert, his buddies and most of the marines had never heard the name before: Iwo Jima.

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Seaman Robert Bernal in 1943, age 17



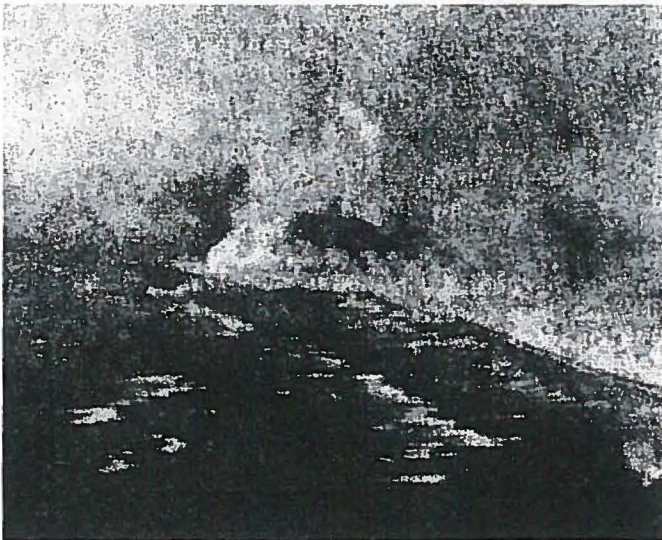
**He Remembers Iwo Jima, continued from page 4**

It was a small island, volcanic ash and sand, bleak and windblown, roughly 5 miles long and 11 1/2 miles wide, but within 600 air miles of Tokyo. American commanders knew they must attack Japan. Iwo Jima bristled with Japanese firepower, fighter planes and incredible underground fortifications. Both nations realized Iwo's military worth. The battle was inevitable. What no one expected was its ferocity. Planners called for a five day campaign. The battle lasted five weeks, and would become the most terrible in U.S. Marine Corps history. Seaman Robert Bernal was there for the entire period.

After five days sailing from Guam, loaded for battle with marines, water, fuel ammunition and other battle supplies, they arrived off the coast of Iwo near midnight on Feb. 18. The awesome command, *away all boats* was set for four hours later...4 a.m. on February 19. Almost within minutes, it seemed to Robert, the big guns from the Navy's battleships *USS Missouri*, *USS Iowa*, and *USS New Mexico* opened up on the island with everything they had. The noise was deafening. Nobody slept, but big breakfasts were served to sailors and marines. The marines had sharpened bayonets, checked weapons, ammo and canteens...many times. Robert, his crew mates and their little boat were lowered to the ocean, which had high swells. Rope ladders were dropped. Marines made their way down in the darkness.

Robert and his crew held their boat to the rope ladders, against the bumping of little boat and big ship in angry waves. Robert remembers, there was no joking, little conversation among marines or sailors. Away from the ship, Robert's little craft and scores of others headed for a "flag boat" anchored 400 yards off the beach, where each LCVP would be told which assault wave they would be in, and on which section of Iwo's beach they would land. A gray, wet day was breaking. Robert's boat was not in the first wave.

While waiting to go in, he could see the Navy's shell bursts and the forboding 456 ft. high Mount Suribachi looming above the shell burst smoke and fog. He could hear Japanese machine gun and rifle fire. Enemy fighter planes hummed off a runway and began strafing little boats and big ships. The first "wave" got badly shot up...by mortar and artillery hits in the water and on the beach. It was a terrible scenario for a 17-year-old youngster from Austin. Landing crafts were blown out of the water, with bodies flying. The second wave went in. Some made it to the



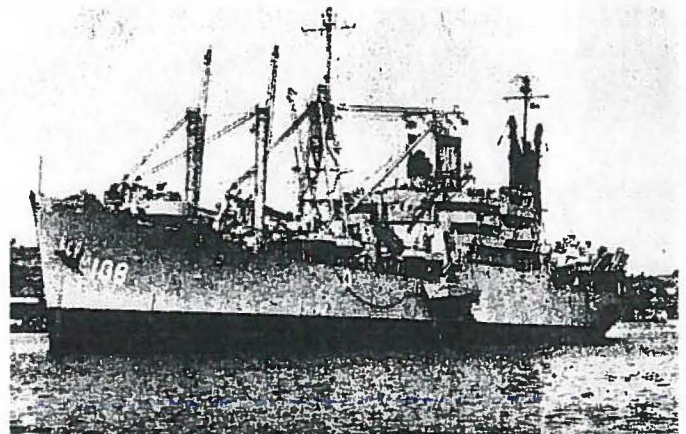
**Bernal was in one of these, under heavy fire**

beach. Some hit sand bars before reaching the beach which had deep holes around them. Many marines drowned.

Robert's boat was ordered in with the third wave. His craft hit a sand bar. With bullets pinging and splashing all around them, they reversed off and kept moving forward with their load of warriors. Japanese machine gunfire seemed to be criss-crossing every square foot of the water line. Within a short distance of the beach, forward progress became impossible...wrecked landing craft, overturned jeeps, burned out tanks, floating bodies and packs of dead marines. They couldn't get in. The little boat returned to the *Jupiter*.

Fear did not have its way with Robert, but it did with many young men, who were crying and shaking in the middle of the battle and its carnage. "I did not panic," he recalls. "We had too much going for our side."

On D-Day plus 3, they made it to the beach, unloading their 36 marines. From then on, they made several trips, first with more marines, then later with food and battle supplies.



**Sister ship to Bernal's mother ship, the *USS Jupiter***

Day after day the battle raged. Day after day Robert Bernal and his little crew made runs to the beach, amidst shellfire, mortar fire and machinegun fire. Foot by foot the marines fought for the little island, sometimes in a driving rain. Japanese concealment in underground caves and bunkers made it tough for marines to be effective with rifle fire. They dropped satchel dynamite charges in the caves and used flamethrowers. Japanese fighter planes began Kamikaze (suicide) dives on U.S. ships and succeeded with one. Robert saw the crash and the explosion. Our navy's Corsairs and Hellcats continually harassed them, taking off from U.S. aircraft carriers.

At night, when Robert's little boat tied onto the *USS Jupiter* as scores of other landing craft hovered near their mother ships, a companion LCVP maintained a watchful patrol around the little clusters. Reason: daring Japanese soldiers, clinging to a wooden board or other debris, would swim out and try to toss hand grenades into the boats. They succeeded elsewhere, but not in Robert's boat. During these tense nights, Robert manned his boat's machine gun.

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Also on D-Day plus 3, heading shoreward with another load of marines, Robert saw something he has remembered vividly for 51 years. With the battle raging furiously all over the island, a few marines reached the crest of Mt. Suribachi. One had an American flag in his pack. Another found a 7-ft. pipe. The flag went up. It was easily visible on the beaches below and a few hundred yards offshore. There, Robert saw it, along with thousands of marines, seabees, sailors, corpsmen and the wounded; Cheers went up. Ships' horns blew. Robert, his crew and its marines yelled.

Many wept.

"It was a powerful, special moment," says Robert.

Soon a marine captain below sent up a larger flag. Six marines affixed it to a taller pipe. As they struggled to wedge its base into craggy rocks, the flag raising scene now recognized around the world was captured on film by two marine cameramen.

As enemy fire slowly diminished, Robert's little LCPV was still making ship to shore runs. And they made more and more trips carrying the wounded to hospital barges. Were they worn out from battle fatigue? "Yes, but we were O.K. We got wet, but not hungry. We had plenty of C-rations: spam, eggs, beans, candy bars and cigarettes."

On the 23rd day, Admiral Nimitz declared victory and possession of Iwo Jima by U. S. forces. It was premature. The Japanese did one more counterattack, with deadly results. It was the costliest American battle since Gettysburg. On the 32nd day, Robert, his little crew and little boat were hoisted back aboard the *USS Jupiter*, "The hot chow and hot showers were the best I ever had," recalls Robert.

Before leaving Iwo Jima, Admiral Chester Nimitz said, "Uncommon valor was a common virtue on Iwo Jima."

Five months later, Japan surrendered. During that period, 2,251 U. S. heavy bombers used Iwo's hard won air strip on air raids to Japan.

Robert was asked what he thought, after 51 years, about the battle, and his part in it. He paused a long time before answering, and seemed to choke up a little. "Many people don't understand that sometimes you have to fight for freedom. I would fight again, if necessary. And if some don't like America, with all its freedoms, they should move to another country. And there is nothing more beautiful to me than seeing the American flag flying high. I look at the

### HAS YOUR TSTA MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED?

It has, if you did not renew by Feb. 1st. You've lost insurance protection for your family, free legal help and more. However you can still renew, but you must wait 6 months for the legal benefits to be reinstated. Your other TSTA benefits go into effect the day we receive your renewal form (see inside back cover). Do it today!

### Superbowl role model?

"Tempe police came in and gave us a list of places not to go. I wrote them down and went there, so I'm feeling real good today."

- Nate Newton, on nightlife in Arizona  
Reprint from Austin American-Statesman, Jan. 1996



Reminders of Iwo Jima bring sharp memories to Robert

one at DPS across the street often. I am 100% opposed to anyone burning it. I saw too many brave young men shed their blood to get that one up on Iwo Jima."

Yes, after all the years, Robert Bernal vividly remembers Iwo Jima. He remembers the thunderous sounds of the battle, the cries of the wounded, the deeds of brave men, and the bodies floating in the surf. He did his part and he's proud to have served his country as a fighting sailor. He's proud also to serve, in his own way, the DPS officers of Texas in his TSTA job. And TSTA is proud of Robert.

By Jack Lawler

After his World War II combat service in the Navy and his return to civilian life, Robert Bernal served three years in the Texas National Guard. During this time the U.S. was in two other international crises, the Berlin Airlift and the Cuban Missile Crisis, and Robert went back on active duty during one of those years.







# THE STATE OF TEXAS

to all to whom these presents  
shall come, Greetings: Know ye, that

**Robert Bernal**

is hereby commissioned

**Rear Admiral (Navy)**

under the laws of the State of  
Texas with all rights, privileges, and  
emoluments appertaining to said office,  
I grant this official recognition. In  
testimony whereof, I have signed my  
name and caused the Seal of the State  
of Texas to be affixed at the City of  
Austin, this, the 18th day of November  
A.D., 2006.



## The Senate of The State of Texas

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 263

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is proud and honored to pay tribute to the Texas veterans who fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima during the Pacific campaign of World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, One of the decisive battles in the Pacific theater during World War II, the Battle of Iwo Jima is famous for the image of United States troops raising the American flag atop Mount Suribachi; and

**WHEREAS**, The capture of Iwo Jima was considered necessary to the United States, as the island would provide a staging area for the invasion of the Japanese homeland; its location made it an ideal place for an airbase for the upcoming strategic bombing campaign against the Japanese home islands; and

**WHEREAS**, American intelligence sources were confident that Iwo Jima would fall in only a few days, but Japanese forces had prepared an incredibly strong defensive position and had reinforced the island with over 20,000 troops; and

**WHEREAS**, The Battle of Iwo Jima began February 19, 1945, and lasted approximately 35 days; some of the fiercest fighting in the Pacific campaign took place at Iwo Jima, and more than a quarter of the Medals of Honor awarded to United States Marines in World War II were given for conduct in the Battle of Iwo Jima; and

**WHEREAS**, Those who fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima demonstrated uncommon valor, and their actions brought honor to themselves, their families, their communities, and their nation; they answered their country's call in its hour of need and willingly risked their lives on behalf of their country; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby honor the brave marines, sailors, and soldiers from Texas who fell at Iwo Jima and pay tribute to the surviving Texas veterans who participated in that pivotal battle in our nation's history; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the courage and dedication of these veterans.

Van de Putte



David Newburn  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on February 19, 2007. \_\_\_\_\_

Datsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

Lukron VandePutte



7/9/08

Dear Mr Ricardo Soliz

I wish to again ask that you consider naming  
the American Legion Travis Post 76 Park after Mr.  
Jesse Ramos.

In support of my first application of  
6/9/08, please accept a small collection of  
biographical descriptions of Mr. Ramos.

Also, an inventory of Photos and Purple  
Heart Medals in Paul Herrera's possession.

Thank you,  
Paul Herrera  
Raul Mendez

## The Forgotten War and The forgotten Man

Many prominent American historians have labeled American participation in the "police action" in Korea (June 1950-July 1953) as "The Forgotten War". If this is so; than Austinite Jesse Ramos is the "Forgotten Man". Jesse Ramos was the first man from Austin killed in combat in Korea.

The City of Austin, Travis County, and the Austin Independent School District have a long-established tradition of naming a prominent facility or amenity in honor of "the first man from Austin" killed in combat in the service of our Country.

Bergstrom Air Force Base (currently Austin-Bergstrom International Airport) was named for John A. Bergstrom, "the first man from Austin" killed in WWII. Woodmansee Plaza in the Travis County complex was named for Ronny Woodmansee "the first man from Austin" killed in Viet Nam. LCPL Nicolas Perez Elementary School in Southeast Austin was named for "the first man from Austin killed in Iraq.

The Korean War may have been forgotten by the American public but it has not been forgotten by the men and women who served there and certainly not by the families and loved ones of those killed in action in that conflict.

In keeping with this fine tradition of honoring those who fell serving our Country; the time has come to honor "a forgotten soldier" who has made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of his Country: Jesse Ramos.

Please give all consideration to supporting an effort to secure an appropriate Memorial to "the first man from Austin" killed in combat in Korea.



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January 8, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

May this serve as verification of Death for:

Name of Deceased:	Jesus Ramos
Age:	23 Years
Name of Nearest Relative:	Manuel Ramos
Address of Nearest Relative:	109 Waller Street, Austin, Texas
Date of Death:	July 24, 1950, Soldier
Attending Priest:	N. Diaz, O.M.I.
Date and Place of Burial:	Mount Calvary, 10 a.m., July 17, 1951 Under the Direction of Cook Funeral Home

Respectfully,

Rev. J.C. Cain, O.M.I.  
Pastor



## COUNTY: TRAVIS (27)

Name of Veteran	Rank	Branch	City	DATE OF CASUALTY	Casualty Status
Bryant William E	CPL	ARMY	Austin	09/16/51	Body Returned
Carlisle Osborne T	CPT	ARMY	Austin		Dead by Govt
Crayton Thomas	SFC	ARMY		12/01/50	Died While capture
Darder Glen	CAPT	MARINES	Austin		Body Returned
Ennis Fred A	SGT	MARINES	Del Valle	10/27/52	Body Returned
Flores Manuel	PFC	ARMY	Austin	05/17/51	KIA
Hansen Eugene R	1st LT	AIR FORCE	Austin		Body Returned
Helm John F	1st LT	AIR FORCE	Austin		Dead by Govt
Hicks Arewood W	PFC	ARMY		09/03/50	KIA
Jenkins Hugh	CPL	ARMY	Austin	04/25/53	KIA
Johnson John F	SFC	ARMY		11/27/50	KIA
Johnson Truman E	PVT	ARMY	Austin	07/16/53	Body Returned
Lundquist Charles L	CPL	ARMY	Austin	03/24/53	Body Returned
McCown William F	SGT 1 C1	ARMY	Austin		Body Returned
Marshall Cloma	SGT	ARMY		02/12/51	KIA
Martinez Wenceslao	PFC	ARMY		04/23/51	KIA
Meyers Joseph D	PFC	MARINES	Austin	09/14/51	Body Returned
Miller Willie	SGT	ARMY		09/01/50	KIA
Monroe Emery L	CPL	ARMY	Austin	02/02/51	Body Returned
Murneta Mike	PFC	ARMY	Austin	04/13/52	Body Returned
Parks Alfred	PFC	ARMY		07/30/50	KIA
Ramos Jesse S	PFC	ARMY		07/24/50	KIA
Ray Duard L	SGT	ARMY		11/30/50	Died While capture
Rugway Maurice D	CPL	ARMY	Austin	06/26/51	Body Returned
Simpson Grant W	CPT	AIR FORCE	Austin		POW Died in prison
Wanoreck Donald E	PFC	MARINES	Austin		Body Returned
Wilson William D	SGT	ARMY	Austin		Dead by Govt

# Austin Independent School District

Office of the Student Services



January 12, 2007

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the information provided below is an accurate record of the student's enrollment history in the Austin Independent School District.

STUDENT'S NAME: Jesus Ramos  
DATE OF BIRTH: December 4, 1928  
SOCIAL SECURITY #: None  
FATHER'S NAME: Manuel Ramos  
MOTHER'S NAME: Josefa Ramos  
FIRST ADDRESS: 1613 E 5th St.  
Austin, Texas 78702

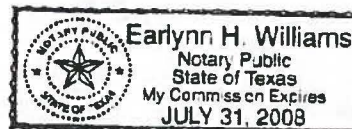
School Year	School	Entry Date	Withdrawal Date	Grade	Person with Whom the Student Resided	Person's Residential Address
1941-42	Zavala	1/7/42	3/7/42	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Manuel Ramos Josefa Ramos	1613 E. 5 <sup>th</sup> St.
1942-43	Zavala	12/14/42		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Manuel Ramos Josefa Ramos	2502 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> St.
1943-44	Bickler Junior	1/15/43		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Manuel Ramos Josefa Ramos	908 Red River
1944-45	Bickler Junior	9/12/44		7 <sup>th</sup>	Manuel Ramos Josefa Ramos	109 Waller St.
1945-46	Bickler Junior	9/10/45		8 <sup>th</sup>	Manuel Ramos Josefa Ramos	109 Waller St.
1946-47	Austin	9/12/46		10 <sup>th</sup>	Manuel Ramos Josefa Ramos	109 Waller St.
1947-48	Austin	9/11/47		10 <sup>th</sup>	Manuel Ramos Josefa Ramos	109 Waller St.

As of October 8, 1948 student withdrew from our schools to join the military.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2007.

*Earlynn H. Williams*  
Notary Public in And For The State of  
TEXAS

My commission expires: July 31, 2008.



1111 West 6th Street Austin, Texas 78703-5399 (512) 414-1726 FAX (512) 414-4994



Fall 1946

Allen

**Haruel Renee**

**Truck Driver**

Entered 16 - 7 months

## From What School

REPORT OF GUARDIAN

**OCCUPATION**

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## DEATHS AND FUNERALS

### PRIVATE JESSE S. RAMOS

Funeral services for Private Jesse S. Ramos were held Tuesday morning at the Guadalupe Church. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

### MRS. EMMA W. NORRIS

Mrs. Emma W. Norris, a resident of Austin for nearly 50 years died Sunday at the Thornton Presbyterian Home at Newburg, Ind.

Funeral services will be held at the Cook Funeral Home at 4 p. m. Wednesday with Dr. Fred E. Brooks, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church officiating.

The only near relatives are a niece, Mrs. Mary Morrow of Houston and a great-niece, Mrs. Allyne Vandervoort of Heyworth, Ill.

Mrs. Norris was born in Macomb, Ill. in 1862. She was married to the Rev. Robert W. Norris in 1886. The couple came to Texas in 1898 where Mrs. Norris lived until she entered the Thornton home in Newburg.

She was active in church work all her life, serving as president and secretary of the Austin Presbyterian Society, and also as treasurer for 20 years.

### SAM CLIFTON ROPER

Sam Clifton Roper, 62, of 2203 Euclid Avenue, died in a local hospital Monday. The body was sent to Mt. Pleasant by the Wilke-Donnelly Funeral Home.

### ARTHUR LEE VICKERS

Funeral services for Arthur Lee Vickers, 60, were held at the Hyman-Mandor Funeral Home Tuesday with the Rev. O. G. Barrow of Rosedale Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park.

### TERESA DIANE BEAUREGARD

Funeral services for Teresa Diane Beauregard, three-year-old daughter of Lieutenant and Mrs. Robert A. Beauregard, will be held at the Hyman-Mandor Funeral Home at 10 a. m. Wednesday with Chaplain, Burns of Bergstrom Air Force Base officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

### JOHN ZAK

TAYLOR July 17—SNS—Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10 a. m. at the Green Mountain Brothers Church for John Zak. Milong Taylor, resident, who died Sunday in a local hospital. The Rev. Frank Stoboda and the Rev. Joseph Barton will officiate. Burial will be in City Cemetery.

## Judges Ready Election Parley

WICHITA FALLS July 17—P—Judges of 10th Congressional District met here at noon Tuesday to make plans for a special election Sept. 2 to choose a successor to Representative Ed Gossett.

Gossett resigned to accept a position with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. His resignation is effective July 31st.

Wichita County Judge Arthur Tynes said Monday he expects at least 12 of the 15 counties in the district to be represented at Tuesday's meeting.

Five persons have said they will seek the job. All are Democrats.

A spokesman for the Republican Party, John Amos West, said his party "very likely" will have a candidate and that Joe Jackson, Wichita Falls oil man, probably will be the man.

Those who actually have announced as candidates are:

District Judge Frank Ikard of Wichita Falls; Doug Crouch, state representative from Denton County; Wayne Waterseller, state senator from Montague County; Walter Jenkins of Wichita Falls, former member of Senate; Lyndon Johnson of Texas and Edith M. Wilkins of Vineland, former state rep-

Austin

American

Austin, Texas

Tuesday 17,  
1951

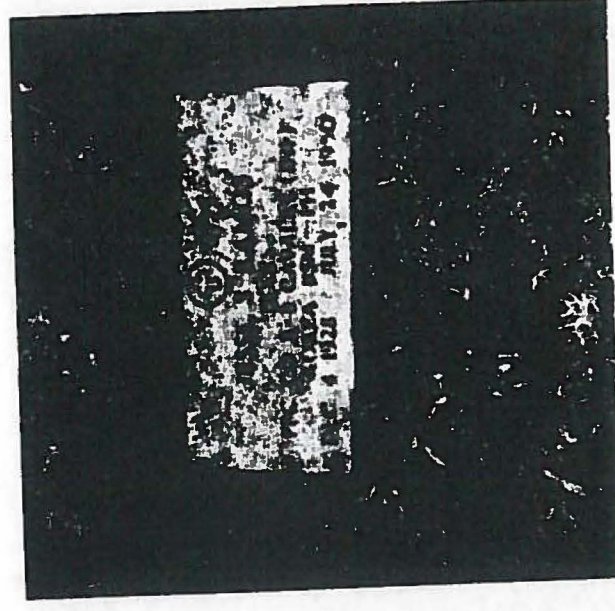




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Tuesday = July 17, 1951

Don't know 12/10

Picture #	Size	Description
1	1 3/4 x 2 1/4	In Stripes suit
2	3 1/4 x 2 1/8	Standing in front of troop tent w/ others
3	2 1/2 x 3 1/2	In Buttoned Culver shirt & Coat
4	3 x 3 1/4	In White shirt w/ hair in Bow. Dated 3/17/97
5	3 1/4 x 3 1/2	Seated writing a letter. Fort Laker in background
6	2 7/8 x 3 5/8	Standing in of Chapel Sign (?)
7	2 7/8 x 3 5/8	Standing in Parade ground
8	3 x 3 1/2	Standing, dressed in dark clothes, in front of bar
9	4 1/4 x 3 1/4	Jesus in Civies, in Center with friends in uniform
10	2 7/8 x 4 1/4	Standing & playing trombone
11	3 1/8 x 4 5/8	Portrait: facing left - open Collar.
12	5 x 3 1/4	With 5 friend in front of Troop tent
13	3 1/4 x 5	With friends from 1 <sup>st</sup> Cav. in front of Troop tent.
14	3 1/2 x 5	Three sitting on Bench - one standing
15	3 1/8 x 5 3/4	Class "A" in Kakhi with trumpet. Dated 7/3/99
16	4 x 6	Seems like P.X. party, all in Class "A" Kakhi
17	1 x 5	Picture of Orchestra
18-19-20	?	Photos may not be Jesus

Purple Heart Medal w/out ribbon



**Delgado, Susan**

**From:** Soliz, Ricardo  
**Sent:** Monday, June 09, 2008 3:27 PM  
**To:** Delgado, Susan  
**Subject:** FW: Veterans Park Name

Susan,

Please start a folder of support letters for this naming. I believe there was one already.

Thanks.

Ricardo

✓ contacted  
Allen  
8/13/08 SD

**From:** Bergeron, Allen  
**Sent:** Monday, June 09, 2008 1:06 PM  
**To:** Soliz, Ricardo  
**Subject:** Veterans Park Name

Hi Ricardo,

Just following up; I'm pretty sure I sent you an email or left you a voicemail; last week was a blur!

When you get a moment, I'd like to talk to you about the Veteran's Park. I'd like to nominate the Name: "Veteran's Memorial Park"...

Thanks again for your time Ricardo,

*Allen Bergeron*

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Human Resources Department  
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Austin, TX 78767  
(512) 974-3459 (office)  
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Click here to view City of Austin jobs:  
<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/hr/default.htm>

We do not look upon Veterans as an interruption of our job.  
They are the purpose of it.  
We are not doing them a favor....they are doing us a favor by letting us assist them!

6/9/2008